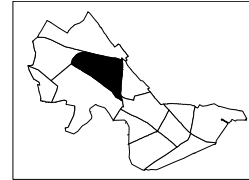


NEIGHBORHOOD 9

PEABODY



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

POPULATION: 11,794 residents
5,208 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$36,608

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

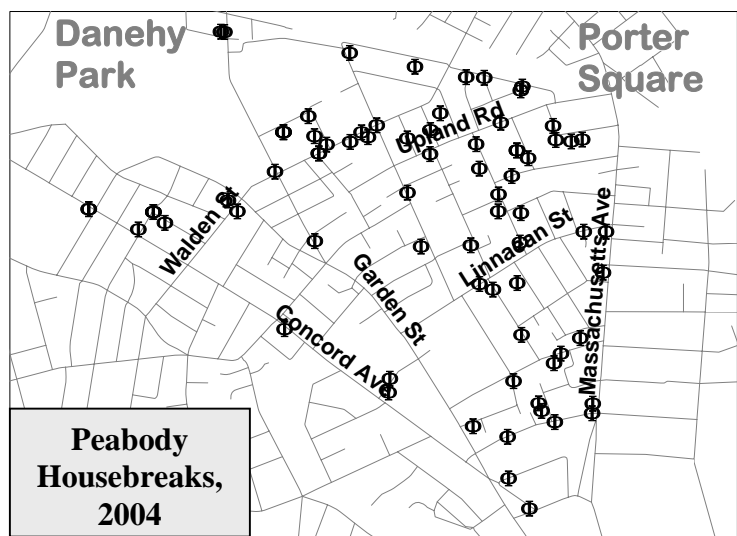
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2000 - 2004

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	34	41	55	58	66
Street Robbery	8	12	8	9	8
Auto Theft	30	40	36	26	53
Larceny from MVs	52	62	50	44	76
Malicious Destruction	57	96	108	79	80
Drug	10	9	3	6	9

2004 YEAR END REVIEW

- Several patterns of **housebreaks** emerged throughout the year in Peabody. In early July unknown suspects were entering open/unlocked residences and stealing purses. This pattern ceased before the end of the month. In mid to late August a pattern of window entry breaks emerged during Saturday to Monday evenings. This pattern also dissipated with the end of the summer.

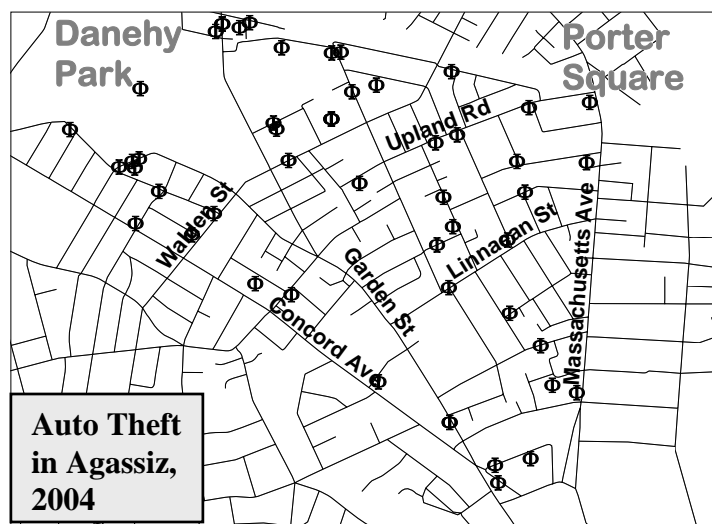
Lastly a pattern of late afternoon to evening burglaries surfaced during the third quarter, which recorded the highest rate of incidents. These breaks were taking place on Richdale Avenue, and entry to the residences was forced. This pattern continued into the



last quarter of the year. Consequently the 14% increase in housebreaks in Peabody from 2003 can be attributed in part to these patterns.

- **Street robbery** decreased by only one incident from 2003. A series of pack robberies occurred at the beginning of the year, when small groups of young men approached female victims with a large knife and demanded their purses. In all three of these incidents the property was relinquished without injury. Many incidents took place near the parks of the neighborhood. Although most of the robberies are not conclusively related, suspects in several incidents approached the victims in a friendly manner at first, asking for the time or a cigarette light, and then demanded the victim's possessions.

- Multiple **drug** arrests were made at the Cambridge Common. All but one incident involved the possession of marijuana; only one incident involved crack cocaine. Almost all of the arrests were the result of patrol officer vigilance. Most arrestees were witnessed by officers smoking, or preparing to smoke marijuana in a public place.



- Peabody ranked as one of the top neighborhoods for **auto theft** this year. At least fifty-eight percent of the stolen automobiles were recovered by year's end. A significant majority of the vehicles were Honda's. Auto thefts were highest in this neighborhood during the third quarter of the year. Multiple thefts were reported from Garden and Sherman Streets.

- Honda's were also one of the major targets in **larceny from motor vehicle**. This was the case as Peabody was one of the neighborhoods being strongly affected by the trend of Honda/Acura tire thefts. These incidents were more popular during the latter half of the year. Overall, incidents were highest during the summer. In the

month of May a pattern emerged of Jeep breaks, in which the perpetrators were cutting the soft tops and stealing stereos. This pattern ended early in the summer. Areas of multiple car breaks throughout the year included Mount Vernon Street and Richdale Avenue.

- Richdale Avenue was plagued with graffiti reports in 2004. Although there have been graffiti issues in this area in the past, recurrent incidents were reported there throughout the year, as the same perpetrators seemed to re-tag their "territory" just as quickly as it would be cleared of the graffiti. **Malicious destruction of property** was highest in Peabody during the second quarter of the year. The greatest portion of vandalism was taking place during weekend days. Multiple incidents were reported on Walden Square Road, as well as the aforementioned Richdale Avenue.

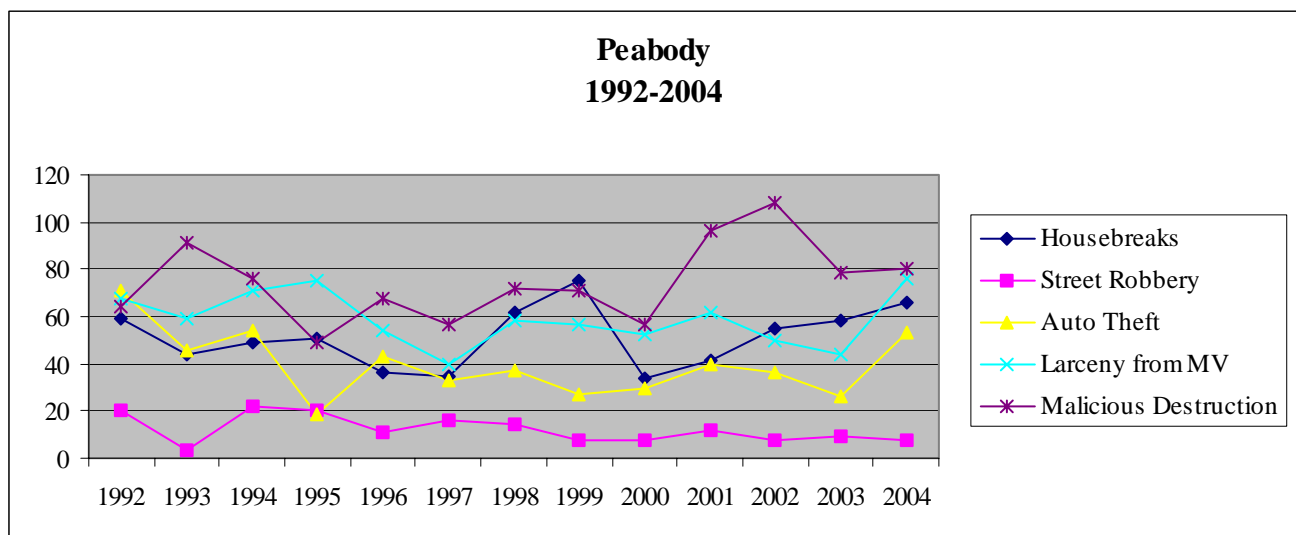
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1992-2003	Rank '92-'03*	Rank 2004*
Housebreaks	150	3	50	4	4
Street Robbery	21	6	13	7	8
Auto Theft	94	8	39	8	3
Larceny from MVs	74	8	58	6	4
Malicious Destruction	135	2	74	6	4

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residents include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way) and hundreds of single and double family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders is Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** to **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year, clusters returned to that region, though the crime has radically declined in other sections of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles**, though low in this neighborhood, show concentrations on Richdale Avenue and in the triangle formed by Massachusetts Avenue, Upland Road, and Avon Street.
- Drug activity and juvenile crime have long been concerns in the Walden Square area, specifically around the homeless shelter at 21 Walden Square Rd. The Narcotics and Juvenile Units began targeting these areas in 1993 and have almost eliminated the patterns.



2003 YEAR END REVIEW

Malicious destruction of property decreased this year in Peabody, dropping it to a middle ranking among Cambridge neighborhoods. There were small spree of smashed car windows on Cadbury Road on Halloween and of tire slashings along Kelley St. in the southern part of the neighborhood in mid-January. Graffiti incidents were especially common on Richdale Ave. by Porter Square. • Most of the **drug arrests** were for marijuana and occurred in or near Danehy Park. • Peabody saw no significant **auto theft** patterns. Honda Accords were the most stolen vehicle, and most of the cars stolen were recovered. • Three of the nine **street robberies** occurred in a one-month time period during the winter and were executed by a single suspect who used a small knife to threaten his victims. • **Housebreaks** remained consistent with the 2002 level, but still ranked among the highest of neighborhoods in the City. A spree of breaks on Linnaean St. in April inflated the total. The majority of housebreaks were in the central and southern parts of Peabody. The most common means of entry was simple shoving or forcing the front door open. Nine of the targeted residences were reported unlocked. • Spree of **larcenies from motor vehicles** popped up on Buena Vista Park in April and on a Sunday in June along a stretch of a few blocks east of Danehy Park; the latter day resulted in three incidents of broken windows reported. In both sprees, electronic equipment (such as car stereos) was targeted.